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Local high school students battle in bowl of brains

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PORTLAND, Ore. — High school students in your area will soon go head-to-head with other teams from Oregon and Washington at the Bonneville Power Administration's sixth-annual Regional High School Science Bowl in Portland Saturday, March 8. A total of 64 teams of students will converge on the University of Portland campus to participate in this "Jeopardy" like bowl, where strong teamwork and quick wits will ultimately determine the title winner.

"These high school bowl participants get very focused on the game," said Derrol Johns, BPA's science bowl coordinator. "When you get to the final rounds of these double-elimination matches, the tension is so thick, you can cut it with a knife."

That couldn't have been more true last year, when a team from Woodinville, Wash., and a team from Medford, Ore., went into overtime for [the final round](#). In the end, the Woodinville team won when they correctly answered a question that the Medford team had missed.

BPA spearheads the middle school and high school bowls to ignite excitement in and generate interest among students in math, technology and science. Each participating school assembles its own team(s), each consisting of four student contestants and one alternate.

The BPA science bowl program is closely modeled after the National Science Bowl® competitions that were created by the Department of Energy (DOE) in 1991. In addition to the Regional High School Science Bowl, BPA also hosts the smaller [Middle School Bowl](#).

Like the DOE's National Science Bowl, BPA's regional science bowls also aim at garnering participation from women and minorities - two groups currently underrepresented in the fields of math, science, and technology.

As in past years, the winning high school science bowl team will go on to compete with other regional science bowl winners at DOE's National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C. This year's national event will be hosted May 2-5.

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1997 Regional High School Science Bowl Registered Teams

- Aloha High School, Aloha, OR
- Barlow High School, Gresham, OR
- Beaverton High School, Beaverton, OR (two teams)
- Benson High School, Portland, OR (two teams)
- Brookings Harbor High School, Brookings, OR
- Cascade Sr. High School, Turner, OR
- Centennial High School, Gresham, OR (two teams)
- Central Catholic High School, Portland, OR (two teams)
- Charles Wright Academy, Tacoma, WA
- David Douglas High School, Portland, OR
- Eatonville High School, Eatonville, WA
- Forest Grove High School, Forest Grove, OR
- Forest Grove High School (MESA), Forest Grove, OR
- Franklin High School, Portland, OR (two teams)
- Franklin Pierce High School, Tacoma, WA
- Glencoe Sr. High School, Hillsboro, OR (two teams)
- Grant High School, Portland, OR
- Grants Pass High School, Grants Pass, OR
- Hanford High School, Richland, WA
- Hillsboro Sr. High School, Hillsboro, OR
- Hudson's Bay High School, Vancouver, WA
- International School, Bellevue, WA
- J.B. Thomas Jr. High School, Hillsboro, OR (two teams)
- Kentridge High School, Kent WA
- Lakeridge High School, Lake Oswego, OR
- McNary High School, Keizer, OR
- Merlo Station High School, Beaverton, OR
- Monroe Program, Portland, OR
- North Douglas High School, Drain, OR
- North Marion High School, Aurora, OR
- North Medford High School, Medford, OR
- Oregon City Sr. High School, Oregon City, OR
- Portland Street Academy, Portland, OR
- Poynter Jr. High School (MESA), Hillsboro, OR
- Prospect High School, Troutdale, OR
- Rex Putnam High School, Milwaukie, OR
- Reynolds High School, Troutdale, OR
- Richland High School, Richland, WA
- Riverside High School, Chattaroy, WA
- Roosevelt High School, Portland, OR
- Scappoose High School, Scappoose, OR (two teams)
- Shadle Park High School, Spokane, WA (two teams)
- South Albany High School, Albany, OR
- South Salem High School, Salem, OR